Leicester, Mass. May 22. 1859.

Dear Mr. Webb;

Yours of the 6th inst. came to hand last evening. I take an early opportunity to reply on several accts. — All through your note you speake as if it were I who sent on the Liberator accounts, and to whom you were sending your return-statements (of payments rec^d. (or applied for) on Liberator acc^t.) This is all very well, as between us and to save circumlocution, provided it is always borne in mind that it is R. F. Wallcut who is the party here in regard to all Liberator financial matters. He it was, who, (at your suggestion) drew up the statement which I forwarded to you, and to him I shall hand the return memorandum which will no doubt be highly satisfactory to him. I speak of this, for two reasons — 1. Because I do not want to be held by you accountable for any errors in the papers which I simply transmit. And 2^d. Because I greatly fear that, in writing to Miss Estlin & Mrs Lupton, you have used my name, as the sender to you of the statement about Liberator Subscriptions. I would not have had it so happen on any account (and trust it has not); but if it have, I must beg of you to take the trouble to write to Miss Estlin, and assure her that I am in no way connected with, or accountable for, any error

Much either Mr. Wallcut or (possibly) yourself may have made, in regard to her Subscription-money for 1858. You have doubtless forgotten, but I have not, that, a few years ago, a somewhat similar misunderstanding arose as to her payment for a certain year. She felt very badly about it, and was on the point of giving up the Liberator — so hurt was she at the bare suggestion of being a delinquent. This time I fear She will Let us down as incorrigibly careless. — Now, as I know she is the soul of exactness & punctuality, in regard to all such matters, I cannot doubt she made the payment for 1858, through some channel or other. — — I think you have forgotten, when you say you have not heretofore known the periods, or times, ~~for~~ covered by the several payments sent. For some time past, you have been in the habit of mentioning, in your account with me, the period covered by the payments you were transmitting to Liberator and Standard through me. As near as I can remember (for your accounts are not by me, but in Boston) you did this in the majority of instances, though not in all. I know you took a great deal of pains, and must have spent a great deal of time (some 3 or 4 years since) in straightening out the whole matter of the foreign Subscription list, both of the Liberator and the Standard, and I supposed it remained in the same healthy state. It was (I believe) the fact of Miss Estlin's & Miss Lupton's

Subscriptions for 1858 never having been rec^d,
which bore upon Mr. Wallcut's mind,
(for he knew they were very punctual
in payment, – or, at least, that Miss Esther
was) and which led him to send to you,
through me, the message which has led to this
writing. Before sending it, I looked carefully
again over all your accounts and memoranda
sent to me, for some years back; and now I
wish I had begged you not to write to Miss Esther
at all about it. I think I will send
you your recent accounts, that you may
see that Miss E.'s name has not been included.
Pardon me for asking if it is not possible
that she may have sent her Lib^r Subscription
to you, when sending money for the Advocate,
expecting you to deduct it therefrom? We are
all liable to such errors as ~~that~~ forgetting to
deduct small amounts, in that way, –

As to the printed letter of mine in
the Advocate, I assure you it has wholly
ceased to trouble me, and never did much.
But I knew Mrs. C. would think I was
trifling with very momentous matters! –
I did mean to have you make use of such
parts of it for the Advocate, as you should think
proper to take; for I have always taken
a pleasure in helping the faithful and
truthful little sheet, – which has become
quite dear to us all. – If the Extras came
by this Ship, Wallcut holds them in Boston, and

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I shall (Dacbtlefs) see them there tomorr

I cannot account for my letter, conce
C. K. W.'s article, reaching you at so nearly
same time with the one sent 7 days earl
There could hardly be that difference in the
passage of 2 steamships.

The course you advise as to forwardi
tracts designed for Leeds is that which I follo
viz. to Send all to you first. Such a parcel
sent to you, by the hand of Mr. Frederick T
Thayer, who went out in Steamship from
Boston, nearly 3 weeks since. * I shall so
transmit to you another parcel – viz^t. of
Reports of Amⁿ. Soc^y. for years 1857, & 18
Through the failure of S. H. Gay, (who was
Cor. Sec.) ~~for the last~~ to prepare the reports
the ~~All~~ three years, since E. Quincy gave up the writing of them
(as was his business), it fell b
into arrears. Now they have been writt
by an exceedingly competent hand, Cha
C. Burleigh, and the 2 years' Reports a
printed in one. He is also engaged
preparing one for the year ending May
which will be done ere many weeks
I want to send you more than I shall
venture to do in one parcel. It is a bulk
pamphlet (its only fault, I suspect), an
50 of them will make a big bundle. I think
shall send 50, and wait to hear from

* He is of the house of Thayer & Warren (Warren & Thayer, of Liverpool) Succesors of Transit Co. in the transmitting of the Boston & Liverpool Line of Packet Ships.

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you, before I send more, whether more are wanted. Please therefore to inform me, "We would like to send 25, or 50, more if they can be made useful." *

Did you get the letter from me which spoke of what was done, in your son Richard's case? Probably it was the letter which contained C. K. W.'s article.

The parcel sent by Mr. Thayer was to be left, as heretofore, at S. R. Graves's, Baltic Building, Liverpool. Hereafter I shall send, as you request, to "City of Dublin Company's" office. Will you give me street & number of their office in Liverpool?

The Annual Meeting of the American Antislavery Society in New York, week before last, was one of the best meetings the Society has ever had. The papers will tell you all about it. Dr. Cheever still holds his position strongly, but does not yet fully & formally cut his connexion with pro-slavery churches & ministers, tho' he puts his lash on them most unsparingly. Henry W. Beecher made a very trenchant speech at the N. Yk. meeting of the Boston Tract Society. — Next Wednesday & Thursday, comes on an Annual New England Antislavery Convention in Boston, which will give us a busy & crowded week.

+ + + What you say of Sarah Remond gratifies me exceedingly, as it will all our friends.

* I should like to have a copy sent to Abp. Whately. You would naturally remember the Earl of Carlisle.

She is, indeed, a person of excellent sense and of high principles. Her mission to my country was really not one of man's device She went, impelled by her own soul alone and I rejoice to find such proof, as you give, that a higher power than her own thought was in the work. If Archbp. Whately should be led to utter a bull against Slavery, and all abettors of Slavery, especially in the "churches", it would not be an "Irish bull", but one which would tell with mighty effect in our country, — wherever aught of vitality remains. But Slavery has corrupted our people fearfully — down deep the rottenness extends. The depravity of morals amongst our people, in what is called "high" & fashionable life, is terrible. New England hitherto has, in a good degree, kept from the defilement - at least, in comparison with other Sections — but even here we have men and influences continually undermining the public conscience and morals; and take the land over a spirit of recklessness and looseness prevails which is alike sickening and appalling. But let the testimonies against our Slavery be multiplied. let them come thick and fast; no one will wholly find of its purpose; their accumulate force will bye & bye prove too much for the great Abomination, which has already destroyed so much of and threatens the utter ruin of the land

My health has been very poor this Spring, - and I have not been able to do half the work I wanted to do, and which needed doing. I took a violent cold in N. Yk., from which I am now suffering. It depresses me, & makes small matters seem great. You will please therefore bear with me, if I seem to you unduly sensitive on the Liberator-subscription matter.

Boston Monday Eve., 23d May. I have the "Extra", & like it much. It is just what I expected, - or a sheet of half the usual advocate size. It will not fail, I am sure, to be of benefit, just in proportion to the circulation it can get. Let me know what you think the American A. S. Soc'y should pay towards it - the whole or a part -; and perhaps this had better be done before you send any Liberator money you may have, - and so you can deduct it therefrom. - After the lapse of 24 hours, I feel just as desirous to have you tell Mary Estlin that I am, & have been, in no way implicated in any error there may have been made touching her subscription for 1858. My connexion with foreign payments on acc't of Lib'r or Stand'd is simply to receive the monies you send over here, and to pay them where they belong, according to data furnished me by you. — You will have seen what our papers say touching the death of our friend Hovey. His loss is an exceedingly great one to our cause. I

think you will be pleased to hear what he has done for the Anti-Slavery cause, &c. by his will. What I have heard is from a very reliable source; but I have not seen the will itself. I understand that he leaves a residuary which will pretty surely not be less than $30.000, and very likely may be nearer $40.000, to be expended, mainly in the promotion of the A.S. Cause, at the rate nor less than $8000. per annum. This is to be wholly used in sustaining lecturers, and cannot be used for papers or publications; and must be paid to no one who believes in a Government of violence. The appropriation of this money he leaves to a Committee 8 persons, viz. Garrison, F. Jackson, W. Phillips, C.K. Whipple, S.S. Foster, A.K. Foster, P. Pillsbury, & H.C. Wright; and they are authorized to expend a moderate proportion of it in other good & laboring moral enterprises, but mainly in anti-Slavery. This will enable the Society to enlarge its lecturing corps, provided the genuine & authorized ones can be found. — This is private matter, of course, & indeed I do not vouch for its accuracy, but tell it as I have it from one who had seen the will. Hovey left a strong protest, with his will, against a Priesthood, a Govt. of Violence, against Banks & Taxes. He requested that no clergyman, or other person, should be asked to offer prayer at his funeral. He did not, as has been alleged, forbid prayer on that occasion; but it was not to be asked for, — and it was not, — and none were made. But a more interesting, consoling, impressive funeral-service I never attended; and so many conservatives did not say, to whom such occasions were entirely new. — — We feel a deep interest in the State of the War question, only second to that which must be profoundly felt in G. Britain. Why is Austria so reluctant to do as she did after so laboriously invading her enemy's country.

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